

elections had given the East Pakistanis the hopes of their chance at last to have their "Wrongs" put "right" when their victorious party became the ruling party. It is this denied chance that has brought about this crisis in Pakistan. The intense desire of East Pakistanis to have their own Democratic Government will, I feel, continue for long and that no amount of military action may be able to suppress this desire.

As a result of the military action and the guerilla warfare activities, as reported in the Press, some tens of thousands of unfortunate, unarmed innocent civilians, men and women, old and young, have been killed and their humble properties destroyed. These wholesale killings are indeed an unpardonable crime and do deserve outright condemnation of the world. However, it is all most tragic. These killings have resulted in driving out of East Pakistan terror stricken, harmless civilians, who have been pouring into our country in very large numbers which has now reached an alarming figure of 6 to 7 million. I believe, these refugees consist of all communities--Hindus, Muslims, and others--more Hindus than others. They have all fled from their homes because of complete insecurity to their lives there.

This large influx of refugees into India is imposing on our Government an inescapable obligation on purely humanitarian grounds, which is causing grave anxieties to our Government, mainly from the financial point of view. At a time, when we need every paisa we have to implement the Government's plans for the "Garibi-Hatao" and other important national development projects, a very appreciable portion of the money needed for our country for these purposes has to be diverted to meet the high cost of feeding, housing, clothing and hospitalising of these millions who have come to our land seeking shelter here. I know it is our duty to give them shelter, but, we cannot have them living on our land indefinitely as we cannot 'foot-the-bill' on looking after them entirely on our own limited resources. Their long stay on our soil will seriously shatter our own country's economy and indeed the welfare all round of our 550 million people.

The refugee problem cannot be regarded as a matter of India's concern. It is, in fact, an indisputable International concern and so the UNO will have to accept total responsibility, financially, and otherwise, for providing food, clothing, shelter and so on to these millions. The UNO is the only body in the world which can mobilise International help for this sacred cause.

The refugee problem will remain for long unless and until conditions are created in East Pakistan to give the refugees a feeling of security to prompt them to return to their homes safely. Here the Pakistan Government to Here again the UNO can and must play its inescapable part to persuade the Pakistan Government to stop their military action and the freedom fighters their guerilla warfare and then mutually agree to sit round a table to discuss the East Pakistan issue amicably to find an answer to find satisfy both. This is indeed a political matter which cannot be solved by military action, no matter how strong and how sustained it may be. In this round table talk, the UNO can certainly offer its services to help. There is no time to waste. Any delay on the part of the UNO to act will certainly have repercussions on the neighbouring countries, which may result in local wars breaking out and thus perhaps tragically leading to World War III. This must be stopped, come what may, and only the UNO can do that not by force but by effective persuasion. India must immediately send one or two specially selected emissaries to the UNO to remind it of the seriousness

in public. One can express one's disagreements politely and tactfully without being crude and rude.

I wonder, if watch making industry in India would be profitable, for what use are watches to some when they do not think it quite necessary to be on time for any function private or public - to whom the word punctuality is just a word? To such people, does it matter if the meals cooked for them is getting cold, if many other guests are waiting to meet them, if children are waiting in the sun or rain or cold, if the office staff want some urgent orders on time, if the audience are getting a little impatient by the inordinate delay in commencing a show and so on. To be punctual is act of discipline and consideration for others. Habitual unpunctuality is a social crime - unpardonable. If every one pays a fine of just, one naya paise for being late, I feel sure we need have NO worries for money for our third five year plan. Let us have this fine. In mixed parties young people including women stood up whenever elders entered, as a mark of respect. Now this is a rare sight. Some of our young ladies are aping the West and do not get up at all because in Western Society a lady, young or old, is not expected to get up on such occasions. What a tragedy that our own charming young women are giving up our own delightful custom of such grace! Let us please keep up this custom. It was just not done for young people to smoke or sit cross-legged in the presence of one's parents particularly in the presence of one's father. How many keep this up now? One often hears young brats addressing their fathers with their hands in their pockets "Will you have a cigarette Dad?" - frightful!

A gentleman never makes a promise, which he cannot keep and if does make a promise, which he finds, he cannot keep he tells you in time, why he cannot. The worst thing a man can suffer in his public life, is to lose the faith and trust of his fellow beings. A gentleman would never have this, said about him by any one. "Do not believe a word he says - Don't trust him - Have you ever known him keep a promise?".

When one has enjoyed the hospitality of another, be it a stay with him, or taking a meal, it is customary to write to one's host a short note of thanks afterwards. How many of us have the courtesy to do this? It is good manners also to express one's gratitude, either in person or in writing, for any service or act of kindness from others and not take things for granted.

Arrogance, conceit and vulgar display of wealth and power are not the traits of gentlemen. Staying as a guest in the house of a friend, calls for good many acts of correctness on the part of the guest. Arrive on time, conform to the custom of the house in regard to the hours of meals. Dress correctly at all times. Do not accept outside invitations without first consulting your hosts - they may have laid on something for you in the house. How embarrassing it will be for the hosts who may have laid on large party for you and you tell them "I am dining out tonight with my old pal...."? In all these, there should be "May I please" and NOT "I will". I have had experience of this on numerous occasions. It is not done for a guest to discuss one's hosts with the servants of the house. Economy in the use of lights and water by guests in the rooms, they are staying, would be appreciated by their hosts. A word about tipping the servants. The hosts must first be asked if they would permit it, and if they do, give what you want to, to your host or direct to the servants, if the hosts request you to do so. When leaving the room it is but proper to leave it in a tidy state and not with bits of paper thrown about, beds not done up, towels and scraps of paper in the bath room lying about, having used the towels for cleaning one's shoes.

It is gentlemanly and ladylike to be correctly dressed at all times. Sad it is, that there is today laxity in this respect. Slovenly and untidy turnout in public does not command respect of others. One does not have to wear expensively tailored clothes to

Some of our top leaders keep talking of their concern for the fate of the people of East Pakistan and Democracy there and so on and so forth, but, hardly any one important person has ever said a word in all earnestness about stopping the almost daily brutal killings of our own people by our own people in West Bengal, in the last year or so. This is just shocking.

Let us know raise above the common level and show the greatness of our Nation by not talking any more or recognising Bangla Desh nor of expressing the unpardonable, uncharitable wishes of some people to see the end of Pakistan and so on. The news put out from various sources and various agencies, official or otherwise, on the happenings in East Pakistan, must be balanced and not be partial--as seems is being done by some telling that the 'Regular-Pakistan-Army' is getting a good mauling from the 'Mukti-fong' every where. We should not take sides.

Let us do every thing we can for our two countries to become friendly neighbours and so leave for the crores of children of today a legacy of happy, friendly, prosperous and peaceful countries--India and Pakistan. This would be fully in keeping with our civilisation, our culture and our philosophy.